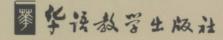
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Fundamental strokes

Héng The horizontal stroke (from left to right)

Shù The vertical stroke (from top to bottom)

Piě The left descending stroke

Diăn The dot

Nà The right descending stroke

Tí The upcutting stroke

Zhé The bending strokes

Gou The hooked strokes

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First the main body, then join it together

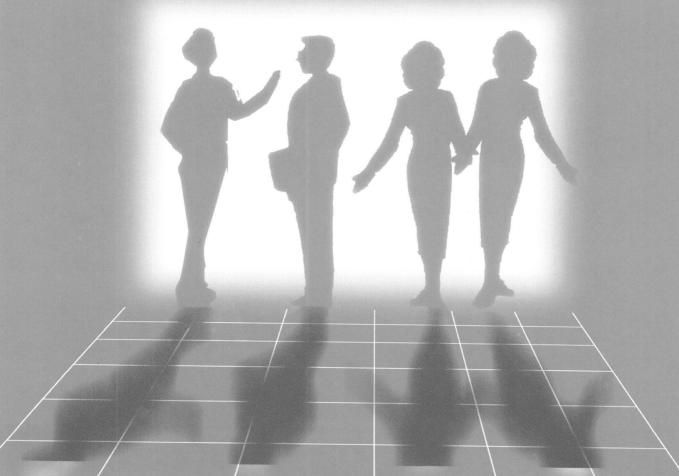
First left, then right

Rules of stroke order

Names of some common radicals

1	dānrénpáng	人	person, man	休	乍	jīnzìpáng	金	metal, gold	钱
1	shuāngrénpáng		to pace	行	ネ	shìzìpáng	示	god	视
女	nűzìpáng	女	woman	妈	市	yīzìpáng	衣	clothes	裤
į	sāndiănshuĭ	水	water	河	足	zúzìpáng	足	foot	路
木	mùzìpáng	木	tree, wood	林	马	măzìpáng	马	(馬) horse	骑
i	yánzìpáng	言	words, speech	语	扩	bìngzìpáng		sickness	疼
口	kŏuzìpáng		mouth	宅	ıJ	lìdāo	刀	knife	到
仑	shízìpáng	食	eat, food	饭	文	fănwén	文	culture	教
日	rìzìpáng		sun	明	-1	căozìtóu		grass	茶
目	mùzìpáng		eye	限	从	zhúzìtóu	竹	bamboo	等
小	shùxīnpáng	N.	heart	忙	<i>~</i>	băogàir		roof	家
土	títǔpáng	土	earth, soil	地	穴	xuébăogàir	穴	cave	空
扌	tíshŏupáng	手	hand	打	-	tūbăogàir		to cover	写
ß	zuŏ ěrpáng	阜	hill	附	مردم	xuézìtóu			学
ß	yòu ĕrpáng	邑	city	都	جائم	chángzìtóu			常
子	zĭzìpáng	子	son, child	孩	/**>	sìdiăndĭ	火	fire	点
丝	jiǎosīpáng	系	silk	红	vi:	xīnzìdĭ	ن ^ن ،	heart	您
王	wángzìpáng	玉 j	iade	玩	i	zŏuzhī	走	walk	这
车	chēzìpáng	车(車) cart	较	口	kŏuzìkuāng	D	enclosure	玉
火	huŏzìpáng	火 f	ire	灯					

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汉字	Hànzì Chines e	e characters		
уī	èr	sān	SÌ	wŭ
_		=	四	五
one	two	three	four	five
liù	qī Ł seven	bā • eight	jiŭ 九 nine	shí † ten
Q	CAR CAR			İ

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笔画 Bǐhuà Strokes

All Hanzi are composed of strokes. Here are the basic ones.

stroke	direction	name	example
	→	Héng	
1	\downarrow	Shù	+
)	1	Piě	/
	· W	Diăn	六
		Nà	/

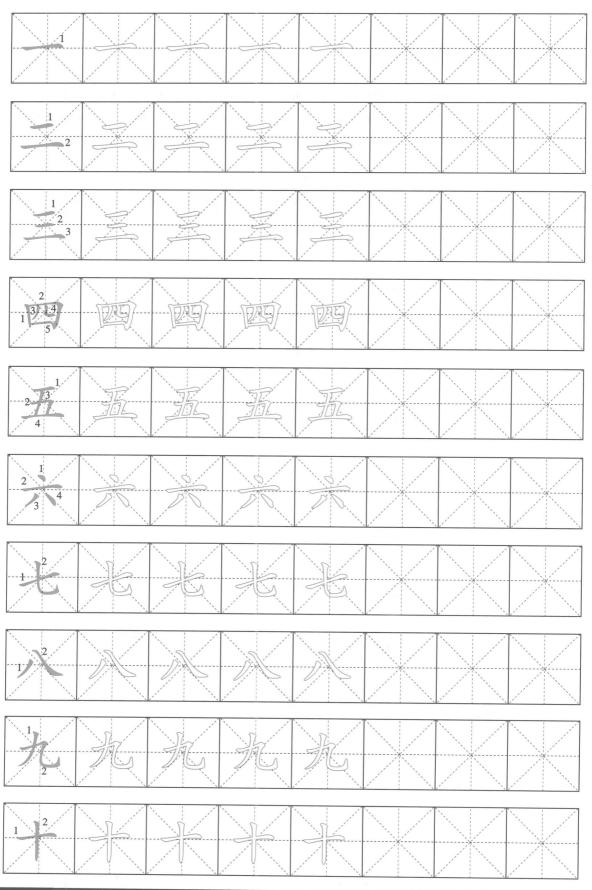
There are nearly 30 kinds of strokes altogether. The other strokes are based on the basic strokes above. Here are some of them:

stroke	direction	name	example
7	7	Héngzhé	
L	4	Shùwān	四
L		Shùwāngōu	七
7		Héngzhéwāngōu	九

写字 xiězì Writing

In each of the following lines, the first character is in the Songti form, which is the commonest printed form. The second one is in the Zhèngkǎi form, which is a form used when writing with a Chinese brush (Máobi). The third one is the form used when writing with a pen (shǒuxiětì)

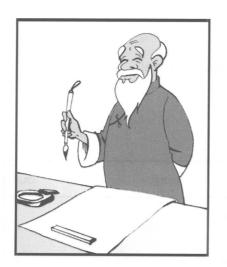
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		~	уī	_			
		-	èr	-	=		
	=	<u>خ</u>	sān	sales and the sa	_	=	
川	四	辺	sì	<u>19</u>	四	四	四
五	五	五	wŭ	五	<u>F</u>	F	五
$\overrightarrow{\nearrow}$	六	六	liù	六	六	六	六
七	七	X	qī	七	七		
/		\nearrow	bā		八		
九	九	九	jiŭ	九	九		
+	+	+	shí	+	+		



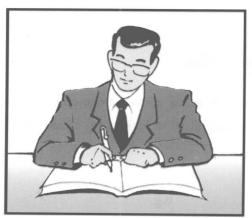
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With a history of some four thousand years, Chinese characters are one of the earliest forms of writing in the world. Chinese characters have made great contributions to the development of Chinese civilization and are still important today.

About 60,000 Chinese characters have been used at one time or another. However, if we eliminate alternate forms and "dead" characters no longer in use, the number being used today total between ten and twenty thousand. But even this figure is not truly representative of the number of characters that must be learned. In fact, 6000 characters are quite sufficient for general reading. The characters taught here are the ones most frequently used in daily life. If you know 2400 of the most frequently used characters, you will be able to recognize 99% of the characters you meet in most newspapers and magazines. And if you know 3800 characters, you will be able to recognize 99.9% of such characters.







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笔画 Bǐhuà Strokes

stroke	direction	name	example
]		Shùgōu	/]-

笔顺 Bǐshùn Stroke order

Chinese character should be written in the correct stroke order. This will ensure correctness, increase the speed of writing and be helpful when looking up characters in a dictionary. The main rules of stroke order are:

First left, then right

e.g.

i.e.g.

first horizontal, then vertical	e.g.	+	-	+		
"Let him come in, then close the door"	e.g.	四	73	四	PJ	79
			四			
First center, then sides	e.g.	1]	1	1	1	
First the main body, then join it together	e.g.	中			P	中

The rules may appear excessively complex, but stroke order can be summed up by the first two rules: first left, then right; first top, then bottom.

写字 xiězì Writing

Sòngtǐ	Zhèngkăi	Shŏuxiĕtĭ	Pīnyīn	stroke	order		
人	人	人	rén	人	人		
大	大	大	dà	大	大	大	
	口	12	kŏu		口	口	
中	中	中	zhōng	4	P	中	中
小	/]>	,) =	xiǎo	1	1	1	
	L	上	shàng	L	F	上	
<u></u>	下	下	xià	F	T	下	

